

SB 44 Providing for Personal Use Fish Priority

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Intent of SB 44

In an effort to increase food security for the state of Alaska, SB 44 ensures that all Alaskans have priority access to our state's rich abundance of nutritious seafood.

Bill Overview

Senate Bill 44 provides for the prioritization of personal use fisheries in the event of a closure ensuring a management goal is met.

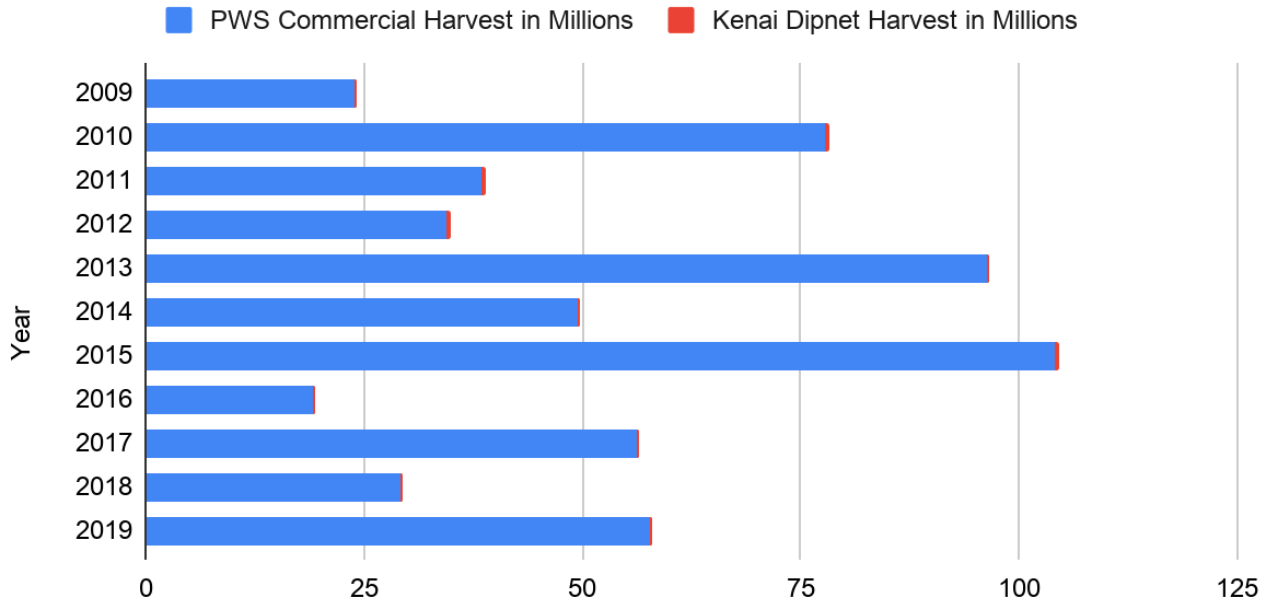
Value to Alaskans

Personal use fisheries provide an extremely valuable food source to Alaskans. In 2019, 21,479 personal use permit holders caught 457,002 sockeye salmon from Cook Inlet personal use fisheries. To buy the equivalent amount of sockeye salmon from a Fred Meyer in Fairbanks, Juneau, or Anchorage would cost an average of \$1,962.80 per permit holder. A report from a family who dipnetted in 2019 shows that they paid \$2.64/lbs for 80.6 lbs of fillets they ate throughout the year. At a retail value of \$805.19 this is a \$592.42 cost savings on 80.6lbs of sockeye salmon. This is a significant cost savings that helps Alaskans have easier access to high quality food.*

**<https://northernexpenditure.com/dipnetting-2019-i-got-a-triple/>*

PWS Commercial/Kenai Dipnet Harvest Data

PWS Commercial Harvest in Millions and Kenai Dipnet Harvest in Millions



**Average change from year to year of PWS Commercial Salmon Harvest over ten years: 8.51 million fish*

Conclusion

SB 44 provides for a common sense measure ensuring that all Alaskans are able to have to access to our state's abundance of nutrient rich seafood